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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Executive Assistant to the D/DCI/NIO

SUBJECT: Post-Audit of Finished Intelligence

1. Comments of Dr. Fred Ikle, Director, ACDA (given to the NIO/SP on 11 November 1974):

He reads NID regularly; he gets occasional excerpts from the Surveyor and the MASS which are selected by his intelligence advisor, but he makes no distinction about the source of the selected item. He regularly reads the Economic Weekly because it is the only source available to him of consolidated information on this subject. He finds the DCI Weekly not very helpful because it tells him little he has not already read in the newspapers, and would think it more helpful if it highlighted (a) classified information not in the press, and (b) analytical opinion or slants different from that of the press. He did not identify any particular nonperiodical CIA publications he thought of special value, although his people expressed great interest in the Mobile ICBM Study (inter-agency) and the SALT Monitoring Report series (also interagency).

2. Comments of Ambassador Alexis Johnson, Head of the US SALT Delegation (given to the NIO/SP on 13 November 1974):

When in Washington he reads the NID regularly, finds the more comprehensive and analytical pieces in it very helpful, and does not care one way or the other whether it is published in newspaper format. His staff assistant says he regularly gets and excerpts the Notes on USSR/East Europe; he used to get the Weekly Surveyor but has not received it for about a year (when he got it he found occasional articles intriguing, but it was evidently discontinued without any action on his part and he has not missed it since). He does not regularly screen other CIA periodical issuances for Johnson, but since the Surveyor, MASS, and Strategic Research Monthly were mentioned, he will now ask to see a sampling of these. He gets CIA nonperiodical issuances on Soviet military affairs and often

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commends their summaries and conclusions to Johnson's attention.
(In Geneva, the US SALT Delegation gets excerpts from various
CIA and DIA periodicals, selected on the basis of relevance and
quality, without any distinctions as to origin.)



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